

FIRE FIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CITY OF HOUSTON

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR

THE POSITION OF

CERTIFIED FIRE/EMT TRAINEE

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SALARY:**

Base pay of \$1077.83 Bi-weekly.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE TEST:**

Applicants must be in possession of a **Texas Commission on Fire Protection State Fire Fighters Certification Basic or higher** and a **Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technicians(EMT) Certification Basic or higher** prior to taking the examination to be eligible to be hired by the City of Houston. No experience is required. Applicants must have at least 15 transferable college credit hours, with a grade of "C" or better from an accredited college or university, or have a High School Diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and two (2) years of full-time (active duty) military service with an honorable discharge as stipulated on a DD214. Must be at least nineteen (19) years of age when applying and less than thirty-six (36) years of age before receiving the oath of office. Transferable hours mean that the hours will be accepted at the institution that is certifying the grades for the Houston Fire Department. The exam will be open to candidates, who have made a proper application and have met the requirements of Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code for beginning positions in the Fire Department, which are listed in the Fire Application.

**DUTIES:**

- Participates in classroom lectures, seminars and practical training sessions as directed by the Houston Fire Department.
- Receives and participates in various types of training in fire suppression and emergency medical services up to and including paramedic certification.
- Participates in drills, demonstrations and instruction in hydraulics, pump operation, maintenance, fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services.

**APPLICATION TO TAKE TEST:**

**ONLY "on-line" applications will be accepted.** To apply for this examination, please log on to: [www.houstonfire.org](http://www.houstonfire.org). Access to the Internet and to computer terminals may be found at The City of Houston Human Resources Department, 611 Walker, the garden level, HFD Classified Recruiting, 500 Jefferson, 15th Floor, or any Public Library. On-line applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, **March 19, 2010.**

**DATE AND TIME OF  
EXAMINATION:**

The examination will be given at **10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the Marriott Houston Westchase in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom, 2900 Briarpark Drive; (713-978-7400).** Bring your **driver's license** or other photo ID and a **copy** of your DD214 (Members-4) if applicable.

**NOTE:**

1. The minimum passing score is 70 percent on the written examination before the extra five (5) points for qualified veterans are added.
2. **Per Chapter 143.025 of the Tex. Loc. Gov't Code**, an additional five points shall be added to the examination grade of an applicant who served in the United States armed forces, received an honorable discharge, and made a passing grade on the examination. Applicants who are eligible for extra military points must provide a copy of their DD214 (Member-4) to the examination site to receive these points. The DD214 will be subject to later Houston Fire Department verification.
3. Texas Commission of Fire Protection State Fire Fighters Certification and Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technicians Certification(s) will be subject to verification by the Houston Fire Department.
4. Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technicians Certification as a Paramedic will be subject to verification by the Houston Fire Department.
5. An applicant may not take the examination for a particular eligibility list more than once.
6. The eligibility list created as a result of this examination will be effective for a period of not less than 6 months or more than 12 months as determined by the Civil Service Commission.
7. Passing applicants will be referred to the Houston Fire Department to continue processing. Any falsification in the application process will result in disqualification. Applicants must pass all phases of the recruiting process.
8. Applicants' eligibility for hiring will be determined in rank order from the eligibility list.

**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**February 10, 2010**

**Post Until: March 19, 2010**

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